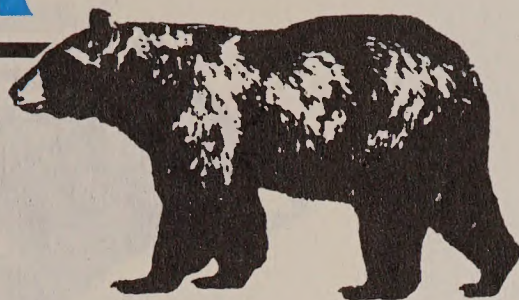


1989

BLACK BEAR

HUNTING REGULATIONS



General Regulations

These regulations apply to all legally described Black Bear Hunting Districts.

Licenses — The following licenses are available at all Fish, Wildlife and Parks Offices and most license agents throughout the state.

Conservation License (Prerequisite)	\$ 2.00
Resident Black Bear License	\$ 8.00
Nonresident Black Bear License	\$120.00

A black bear license is included in the resident Sportsman's License and the nonresident Big Game Combination License.

Game Limit — Sportsmen may harvest one black bear per license year. Female bears with young and individual cubs may not be harvested.

Tagging — Immediately after harvesting a black bear, sportsmen must cut out the proper month and the day of the harvest from the appropriate license/tag and attach to the animal in a secure and visible manner. If more than one date is cut out, the license is invalid. The properly validated license shall remain attached to the hide until tanned.

Sportsmen harvesting a black bear must leave evidence of sex naturally intact on the hide, and if required by the Department, must physically go back to the kill site for inspection.

Mandatory Reporting Requirements — Within 10 days of harvesting a black bear, the successful hunter must present to an official of the department, the bear skull for removal of a tooth (used to determine age). See exception listed under the 500 series districts.

Required Clothing Color — Any person hunting or accompanying a sportsman as an outfitter or guide must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange (fluorescent) material above the waist, visible at all times.

Attention Archers: Archers must wear a minimum of 400 square inches of hunter orange while hunting in any hunting district where firearms are also permitted to be used. The hunter orange requirement is not in effect during the special archery seasons, which are specifically listed in these regulations as: ARCHERY ONLY.

Hunting Hours — Hunting hours begin one-half hour before sunrise and end one-half hour after sunset. See official sunrise-sunset table in the 1989 Big Game Hunting Regulations.

Baiting — It is illegal to bait bears or to hunt bears with dogs.

Landowner Permission — Sportsmen pursuing black bear must secure permission from the landowner, lessee or their agent before hunting on private property, even if the land is not posted.



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No hump

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GRIZZLY BEAR

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Dished face profile

Ruff of long hair in
Spring and Fall

Long, lighter claws



Black Bear — General Season

- All black bear licenses are valid for the specified districts and seasons as listed below.
- All districts listed below shall be open to hunting of black bear of either sex.
- The following areas are closed to black bear hunting:
 - 1) All State Game Preserves,
 - 2) All hunting districts beginning with the number 6 and 7,
 - 3) Gallatin Closed Area (boundary description on page 8 of the Legal Descriptions), and
 - 4) Hunting privileges on Indian Reservations are limited to tribal members only.

There are no bear harvest quotas/female sub-quotas in all 100-400 series black bear hunting districts. Bear harvest quotas/female sub-quotas do occur in the 500 series districts.

100 SERIES DISTRICTS

Apr. 15 - May 31
Sept. 2 - Nov. 26

Exceptions by hunting district

100, 101, 103, } Apr. 15 - May 15
121, 122 & 123 } Sept. 2 - Nov. 26

200 SERIES DISTRICTS

Apr. 15 - May 31
Sept. 2 - Nov. 26

Exceptions by hunting district

204	May 15 - May 31	Threemile Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 204)
261	May 15 - May 31	Calf Creek Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 261)
282	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 12	Blackfoot-Clearwater Wildlife Management Area Only
284	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	ARCHERY ONLY ARCHERY ONLY
293	May 15 - May 31	Nevada Lake Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 293)

300 SERIES DISTRICTS

Apr. 15 - June 15
Oct. 22 - Nov. 26

Exceptions by hunting district

Gallatin Closed Area - Closed to all hunting of black bear.

313	Deckard Flats portion of hunting district 313 as posted, subject to closure of all hunting on 24-hours notice.
316	Sept. 15 - Nov. 26

400 SERIES DISTRICTS

Apr. 15 - Nov. 26

Exceptions by hunting district

420	May 15 - Nov. 26	Judith River Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 420)
422	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	
424	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	
425	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	
425	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	Sun River Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 425)
427	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 442 is reached or November 26, 1989, whichever occurs first.
428	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	Closed to all bear hunting when elk quota in hunting district 424 is reached or November 26, 1989, whichever occurs first.
441	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	



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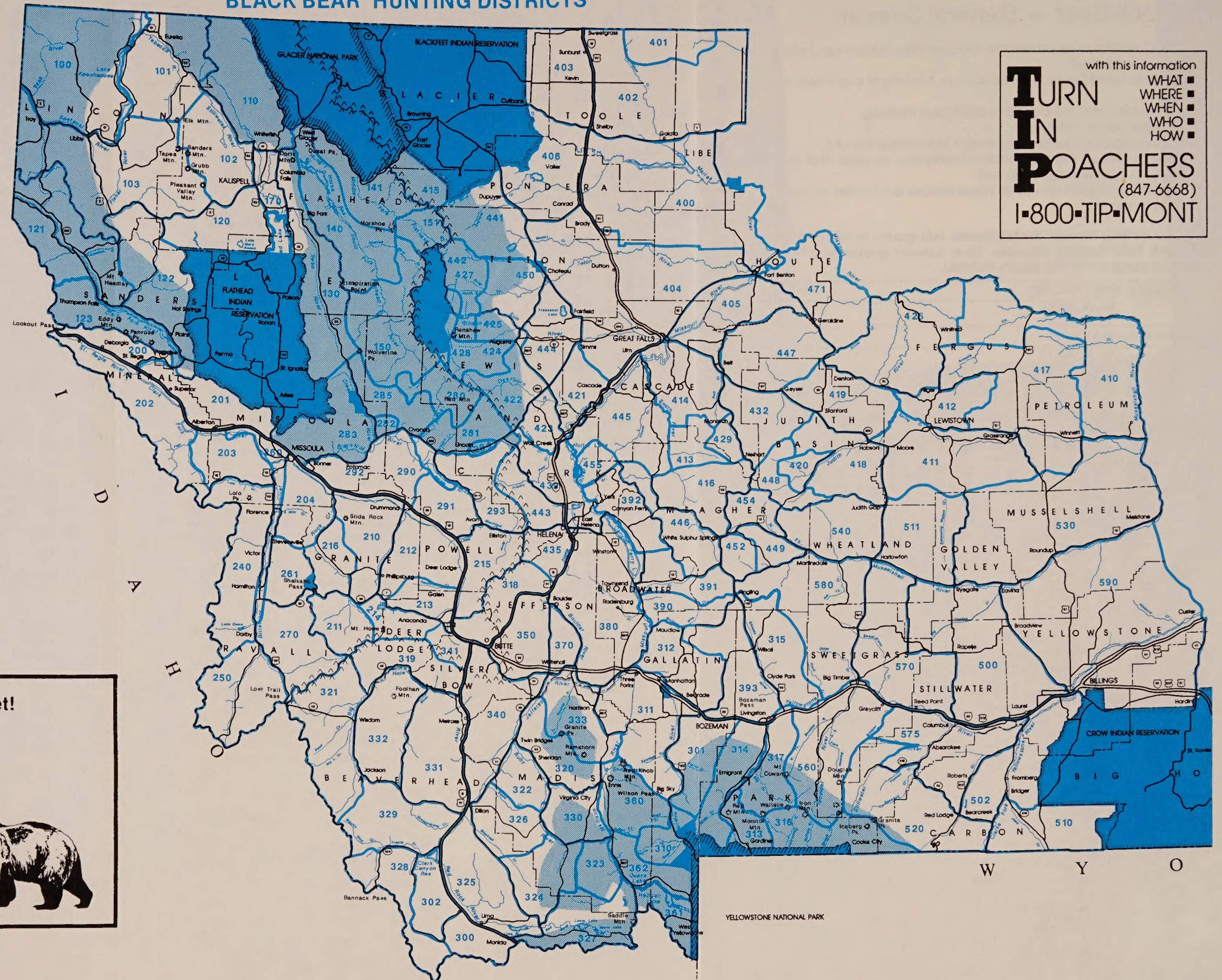
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BLACK BEAR HUNTING DISTRICTS



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General Season (Continued)

441	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	Blackleaf Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 441)
442	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	
442	May 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	Ear Mountain Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 442)
443	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	
455	May 15 - Nov. 26	Beartooth Wildlife Management Area Only (portion of HD 455)

500 SERIES DISTRICTS

HUNTING DISTRICTS (OR GROUPS)	HUNTING SEASONS	BEAR HARVEST QUOTAS	
		TOTAL	FEMALE SUB- QUOTA
500, 511, 530, 540 & 590 }	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	5	2
502, 520, 560 & 575 }	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	25	8
510 }	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	7	2
570 & 580 }	Apr. 15 - May 31 Sept. 2 - Nov. 26	8	2

When the quota or sub-quota is reached in the hunting district(s) or groups, the bear season for that area will close upon 48-hours notice, but no later than last date of season shown in the regulations.

Any person taking a black bear in 500 series districts must report the kill within 48-hours to an official of the department in Region 5, and must personally present the hide and skull within 10 days to an official of the department for purposes of inspection, recording of kill and removing a tooth for aging. The hide and head must be retained even though damaged.

Current harvest information may be obtained by calling the appropriate Fish, Wildlife and Parks Regional Headquarters during normal business hours. Sportsmen may call toll-free 1-800-332-6117 during the authorized black bear hunting season to obtain current information on districts closures.

Black Bear — ARCHERY ONLY Season

- ARCHERY ONLY season is September 2 - October 15, 1989.
- All legally described black bear hunting districts are open to ARCHERY ONLY with the exceptions noted below.
 - 1) There is no ARCHERY ONLY season in 100, 200 (except 284), 400 and 500 series districts.
 - 2) Hunting district 316 - open only during general deer/elk season (September 15 - November 26).
 - 3) Bear hunting not authorized in Gallatin Closed Area.
 - 4) 500 series districts - when the quota or subquota is reached in the hunting district(s) or groups, the bear season for that area will close on 48-hours notice, but no later than last date of season shown in the regulations. (See Black Bear "General Seasons").
- Licenses are valid for black bear of either sex.
- Female bears with young and individual cubs may not be harvested.
- An archery stamp, plus the proper hunting license is required of all hunters during ARCHERY ONLY seasons.
- During any ARCHERY ONLY season, only a longbow, recurve bow or compound bow may be used. Arrows dipped in or containing any poisonous, explosive or deleterious substances are prohibited.
- **Crossbows may not be used during ARCHERY ONLY seasons.**



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